



## Proposed Rulemaking

*Implementing SB 476(2025) to establish provisional licensure for Internationally Trained Physicians.*

**The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) seeks public comment on proposed rules to implement SB 476 (2025) sections 4-9, draft rules are provided below and in the [rulemaking notice](#).**

The bill grants a provisional license to qualified Internationally Trained Physicians to practice under the supervision of an Oregon-licensed physician. After completing four years of supervised practice, the Internationally Trained Physician may become eligible to apply for medical licensure in Oregon.

SB 476 authorizes the OMB to establish rules regarding the application, licensure, and renewal process for provisional licensees, supervision and assessment standards, clinical location requirements, and other requirements necessary to carry out SB 476.

The OMB formed an ITP Workgroup, which included persons with subject matter expertise who will likely be affected by the proposed rules, to assist with developing the draft rules.

### Public Comments

There are two ways to provide input on the draft rule:

- 1. Submit written comments by 5 PM PDT on August 25, 2026, via email to [elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov](mailto:elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov).**
- 2. Provide oral testimony at a public hearing on August 25, 2026, at 2 PM PDT:**

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Participants unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments by the deadline. The OMB will review all oral comments made at the public hearing and written comments received by the deadline at the Administrative Affairs Committee meeting on September 9, 2026, and the Oregon Medical Board meeting on October 1, 2026. If you have questions about this rulemaking or the public hearing, please contact Elizabeth Ross at [elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov](mailto:elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov).

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**Division 22: Rules for Licensure of Internationally Trained Physicians**

**847-022-0000**

**Internationally Trained Physicians**

(1) ORS 677.146 establishes a provisional license allowing qualified internationally trained physicians to practice medicine in Oregon under supervision of licensed physicians, with a pathway to full licensure after four years of successful practice. This approach recognizes the valuable experience and training internationally trained physicians bring while ensuring patient safety through structured oversight.

(2) An internationally trained physician granted a provisional license:

(a) Is subject to all the provisions of the Medical Practice Act (ORS Chapter 677), and to all the administrative rules of the Oregon Medical Board.

(b) Has the same duties and responsibilities and is subject to the same penalties and sanctions as any other physician licensed under ORS Chapter 677.

(3) An internationally trained physician with a provisional license may only practice medicine under supervision and at an approved clinical facility, in compliance with OAR 847-022-0120 and OAR 847-022-0130.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0100**

**Definitions**

(1) “Approved school of medicine” has the meaning given in ORS 677.010.

(2) “Approved training program” has the meaning given in ORS 677.010.

(3) “Internationally trained physician” has the meaning given in ORS 677.010.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.010, ORS 677.146

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**Qualifications for Provisional Licensure**

The Board may issue a provisional license to an internationally trained physician provided the applicant satisfactorily meets all the requirements in ORS 677.146(1):

(1) Graduated from an international school of medicine with a degree substantially similar to a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine that meets the requirements in OAR 847-020-0130(1).

(2) Completed an international training program that is substantially similar to an approved training program. To determine if a training program is substantially similar, the Board may consider:

- (a) Accreditation of the program by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education International (ACGME-I);
- (b) Recognition of the program by another state medical board as substantially similar to an approved training program;
- (c) Recognition of the program's accreditation by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME);
- (d) The program's curriculum, oversight, case requirements, evaluation process, supervision, and completion standards, including faculty member credentials and participation, site characteristics, and educational components;
- (e) Inclusion of the following competencies in the program's curriculum:
  - (A) Professionalism,
  - (B) Patient care and procedural skills,
  - (C) Medical knowledge,
  - (D) Practice-based learning and improvement,
  - (E) Interpersonal and communication skills, and
  - (F) Systems-based practice.

(3) Obtained certification from the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates, requiring a passing score on both Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

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(4) Practiced medicine in another country or jurisdiction for at least three years to the satisfaction of the Board.

(5) Obtained an offer of employment at a clinical facility located in Oregon that will provide supervision and assessment of the applicant in accordance with OAR 847-022-0120 and OAR 847-022-0130.

(6) Complied with all board rules that apply to Oregon licensed physicians, including passing the Medical Practice Act exam.

(7) Provided evidence the applicant is of good moral character consistent with the requirements of ORS 677.100.

(8) Provided evidence the applicant is in good standing in each country or jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced medicine and received medical education and training. For purposes of this rule “good standing” means the applicant has no active disciplinary proceedings, no encumbered licenses, and no unresolved orders or conditions in each country or jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and received education and training.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0120**

**Clinical Facilities**

A provisional licensee must practice in one of the following types of facilities:

(1) A facility in Oregon with an approved training program or affiliated with an approved training program; or

(2) A Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Clinic, or other state-licensed clinical facility with experience in graduate medical education and assessment for supervisory responsibility.

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Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

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**Supervision and Assessment**

- (1) A provisional licensee's practice must be supervised by a physician(s).
- (2) The supervising physician(s) must be:
  - (a) Licensed under ORS 677.100, registered at Active status without restrictions, and in good standing with the Board;
  - (b) Participating in a program of recertification or maintenance of certification with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (AOA-BOS);
  - (c) Practicing in the same specialty as the provisional licensee; and
  - (d) Directing and regularly reviewing the medical services provided by a provisional licensee through routine in-person assessment, which may be supplemented with synchronous and asynchronous technology when necessary.
- (3) The employer and supervising physician(s) determine the appropriate level of supervision based on the provisional licensee's education, training, experience, and any lapse in practice. The level of supervision may be reassessed and adjusted as needed throughout the provisional licensure period.
- (4) The provisional licensee's employer and supervising physician(s) may designate a temporary supervising physician during periods when the supervising physician(s) are unavailable. A temporary supervising physician must meet the qualifications in section (2) of this rule.
- (5) To assess, develop, and evaluate the provisional licensee, the clinical facility must incorporate and implement one of the following frameworks:
  - (a) The March 2025 [Curriculum Framework for Onboarding and Orienting International Medical Graduates](#), published by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), or
  - (b) The Program Framework adapted from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's (ACGME) [six Core Competencies](#).

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(6) A provisional licensee must have a competency assessment during each provisional license period, which may include an In-Training Exam or equivalent.

(7) The provisional licensee's assessment and evaluation records must be retained and accessible for inspection by the Board upon request.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0140**

**Application for Provisional Licensure**

(1) An internationally trained physician who does not meet the requirements for licensure in OAR chapter 847 division 20, may apply for an Oregon provisional license to practice medicine in Oregon.

(2) When applying for provisional licensure, the applicant must submit to the Board the completed application, fees, documents, letters, and any civil penalties or hearing costs that may be due.

(3) A person applying for licensure under these rules who has not completed the licensure process within a 6 month consecutive period must file a new application, documents, letters, and pay a full filing fee as if filing for the first time.

(4) The applicant may be required to appear before the Board for a personal interview regarding information received during the processing of the application. Unless excused in advance, failure to appear before the Board for a personal interview violates ORS 677.190(17) and may subject the applicant to disciplinary action.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0150**

**Documents and Forms to be Submitted for Provisional Licensure**

The documents submitted must be legible and no larger than 8 1/2" x 11". All documents and photographs will be retained by the Board as a permanent part of the application file. If original documents are larger than 8 1/2" x 11", the copies must be reduced to the correct size with all wording and signatures clearly shown. Official translations are required for documents issued in a foreign language. The following documents are required:

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- (1) Application: Completed application provided by the Board. Required dates must include month, day, and year.
- (2) Birth Certificate: A copy of birth certificate or other identity documentation as approved by the Board.
- (3) Medical School Diploma: A copy of a diploma showing graduation from an international school of medicine.
- (4) Photograph: A close-up, color, passport quality photograph, front view, head and shoulders (not profile), with features distinct, taken within 90 days preceding the filing of the application.
- (5) Legible fingerprints as described in OAR 847-008-0068 for the purpose of a criminal records background check.
- (6) An open-book examination on the Medical Practice Act (ORS chapter 677) and Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 847. If an applicant fails the examination three times, the applicant must attend an informal meeting with a Board member, the Executive Director, a Board investigator, or the Medical Director to discuss the applicant's failure of the examination, before being given a fourth and final attempt to pass the examination. If the applicant does not pass the examination on the fourth attempt, the applicant may be denied licensure.
- (7) Any other documentation or explanatory statements as required by the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0155**

**Letters and Official Verifications to be Submitted for Provisional Licensure**

The applicant must ensure that official documents are sent to the Oregon Medical Board directly from:

- (1) The international school of medicine: Verification of Medical Education which must include degree issued, date of degree, dates of attendance for each year, dates and reason for any leaves of absence or repeated years, and dates, name and location of school of medicine if a transfer student and attach a copy of the transcripts.
- (2) The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates: Verification of certification.

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- (3) The Director, Chair, or other official of the substantially similar training program: An evaluation of overall performance, specialty, and specific beginning and ending dates of training, including procedure/case logs or equivalent clinical activity reports for surgical specialties. The program should also include documentation supporting the program is substantially similar to an approved training program as outlined in OAR 847-022-0110(2).
- (4) The Director, professional supervisor, or other official for practice and employment in hospitals, clinics, etc.: A currently dated original letter, sent directly from the hospital or clinic, must include a statement of good standing, level of independent practice, and specific beginning and ending dates of practice and employment, for the past three years.
- (5) All health licensing boards or regulatory authorities in any jurisdiction where the applicant has ever been licensed, regardless of status: Verification, sent directly from the boards or authorities, must show license number, date issued, examination grades if applicable, and statement of good standing
- (6) Official Examination Certifications: An official examination certification showing Step 1 and Step 2 examination scores directly from the National Board of Medical Examiners.
- (7) Offer of Employment: An offer in writing from a clinical facility located in Oregon that will provide supervision and assessment of the applicant, including name(s) of the supervising physician(s), in accordance with OAR 847-022-0120 and OAR 847-022-0130.
- (8) Any other documentation as required by the Board, including but not limited to medical records and criminal or civil records.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0160**

**Provisional License Application Withdrawals**

- (1) An applicant may withdraw an application for provisional licensure prior to review by the Board's Investigative Committee. The Board will not report the withdrawal to the Federation of State Medical Boards. The applicant may submit a new application for licensure at any time.
- (2) An applicant may withdraw an application for provisional licensure up to 30 days after the Board has voted to deny the application on the basis that the applicant is not eligible for licensure for reason(s) other than the applicant's failure to demonstrate good moral character. The Board



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(3) An applicant may request to withdraw an application for provisional licensure after review by the Board's Investigative Committee. If the Board grants the request, the applicant may withdraw their application only through issuance of a Stipulated Order of suspended judgment of provisional license denial. The suspension of judgment is based on the applicant's withdrawal of their application and agreement not to reapply for provisional licensure for at least two years after issuance of the Stipulated Order. The order will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Databank.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.220, ORS 677.265, ORS 677.100, ORS 677.190, ORS 677.146

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**Denial of Provisional Licensure**

(1) An applicant may not be entitled to a provisional license who:

- (a) Failed to obtain certification from the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates;
- (b) Has had a license revoked or suspended in this or any other state or country unless the said license has been restored or reinstated and the applicant's license is in good standing in the state or country which had revoked or suspended the same;
- (c) Has been refused a license or certificate in any other state or country on any grounds other than failure of a medical licensure examination;
- (d) Has been guilty of conduct similar to that which would be prohibited by or to which ORS 677.190 would apply, including omissions or false, misleading or deceptive statements or information on any Board application, affidavit or registration; or
- (e) Has been guilty of cheating or attempting to subvert the medical licensing examination process. Evidence of cheating or subverting includes, but is not limited to:
  - (A) Copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee during the examination;
  - (B) Having in one's possession during the examination any books, notes, written or printed materials or data of any kind, other than examination materials distributed

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by examination staff, which could facilitate the applicant in completing the examination;

- (C) Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of the examination;
- (D) Removing from the examining room any examination materials;
- (E) Photographing or otherwise reproducing examination materials.

(2) An applicant whose application has been denied may submit a new application for provisional licensure as stated in the Board's Order, but no sooner than two years after the date of denial.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.190, ORS 677.100, ORS 677.220, ORS 677.146

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**Registration**

(1) An applicant for provisional licensure whose application file is complete, must submit to the Board the initial registration form and fee prior to being granted a provisional license by the Board.

(2) An applicant for provisional licensure must ensure the license application is complete and accurate throughout the application process. A person applying for licensure must update the Board within 10 business days regarding any changes in information previously provided or any new information that becomes available during the application process.

(3) An application expires if not completed within a 6-month consecutive period.

(4) Once an application expires and per OAR 847-022-0110(3), a person applying for provisional licensure must file a new application, documents, letters and pay a full filing fee as if filing for the first time.

(5) The application is not subject to section (3) once the application is reviewed by the Board or a Committee of the Board.

(6) The Board will provide to all provisional licensees who have complied with this section a certificate of registration, which must be displayed in a prominent place in the provisional licensee's primary practice location through the end of the last business day of the registration period.

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(7) The provisional license is valid for a period of one year, and upon written request may be renewed for three additional one-year periods. The total period may not exceed four consecutive years. The Board may consider extenuating circumstances that do not indicate an inability to safely practice medicine to grant additional time.

(8) A provisional licensee who intends to continue practicing beyond the one-year period granted for the provisional license must submit a provisional license renewal application and fee at least 90 days before the end of the registration period.

(9) To renew a provisional license, a provisional licensee must:

- (a) Complete a renewal application provided by the Board, which includes summary of practice over that last year, and
- (b) Have their employer, supervising physician, and one other health care provider complete the Board's evaluation form, including a statement regarding eligibility for rehire.

(10) The provisional licensee also may be required to attend an informal meeting with a Board member, the Executive Director, a Board investigator, or the Medical Director to discuss the information provided in section (9) of this rule

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 677.265, ORS 677.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 677.146

**847-022-0190**

**Practice Standards and Regulations**

(1) An internationally trained physician who obtains a provisional license:

- (a) Is considered a fully licensed physician in Oregon for all purposes, including but not limited to credentialing and insurance billing;
- (b) Is subject to all the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes chapters 676 and 677 and to all rules of the Board; and
- (c) Has the same duties and responsibilities, including the duty of care in ORS 677.095, and is subject to the same penalties and sanctions, as any other physician licensed by the Board.

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(2) A provisional licensee must practice in the same specialty area of medicine as their education, training, and experience.

(3) A provisional licensee must maintain employment and supervision as described in OAR 847-022-0110(5). If a provisional licensee voluntarily changes employment or supervising physicians, the provisional licensee must notify the Board immediately and may not practice until the conditions in OAR 847-022-0110(5) are reestablished. For the provisional licensee to return to active status, the Board must receive documentation as described in OAR 847-022-0155(7) within six months.

(4) If the provisional licensee's employment is terminated prior to the expiration of the provisional license for any reason, the provisional licensee must notify the Board immediately and the provisional license expires. The provisional licensee will need to reapply for a provisional license.

(5) Failure to notify the Board as described in sections (3) and (4) of the rule may be grounds for disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17), ORS 677.190(18), ORS 677.415, and OAR 847-010-0073.

(6) A provisional licensee may apply for licensure under ORS 677.100 after:

- (a) Completion of four years of full-time equivalent practice under ORS 677.146(3),
- (b) Successful completion of a clinical assessment evaluation, and
- (c) Satisfying of the requirements for licensure under ORS 677.100.

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